



IOWA E911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa E911 Communications Council met on October 13, 2016, at the West Des Moines City Hall. E911 Surcharge Fund Administrator Blake DeRouchey reported on several items:

- Workshops to educate Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) personnel on the previous legislative session's law changes have been held, and there has been positive feedback from those. The last workshop will be at the Ramada Inn Tropics Resort and Conference Center on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines on the morning of October 24, 2016.
- Through the Request for Proposal process it has been determined that the cost to the E911 Surcharge Fund will be \$1.5 million to pay for connectivity for all PSAPs with the NextGen project, allowing text to E911. The deadline for PSAPs to complete this work has been set for June 30, 2017. Anything after that date will be the responsibility of the individual PSAP to cover.

PSAP Grant Applications. Eight grants totaling \$0.9 million were approved by the Council. There was extended discussion regarding the application for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to remove an answering center from Atlantic. Discussion centered on the existing equipment in Atlantic being less than two years old and on the inclusion of remodeling costs for physical consolidation within the grant application. The Council did not approve the grant application for the DPS. Director Mark Schouten of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department will make a final determination regarding the DPS application based upon the Council's input.

Currently there are four grant applications, representing \$192,000 in funding, that are on the waiting list. Funds will only be available if previously approved projects come in under budget or additional funding is approved in the 2017 Legislative Session.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be November 10, 2016, at the West Des Moines City Hall.

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